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Candidate residency questioned

Bowen says he established residency in April of 2016

in a county for one year prior to being elected. The petitions say this requirement disqualifies Bowen from being elected sheriff.

The petitions sought to file a verified affidavit at the

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RALEIGH – A petition has been filed challenging the legitimacy of a candidate for

Sheriff of Bertie County. Vivian Clark and Chavletta Jones-Sexton, two residents of Bertie County, filed a Petition for Judicial Review March 12 which alleges Adri-

an Bowen does not meet residency requirements to hold the office of Bertie County Sheriff.

The petition names both the N.C. State Board of Elec-

tions and Ethics Enforcement and Adrian L. Bowen as respondents in the matter.

According to the petition, N.C. General Statutes 162-1 require a candidate to reside

NCHP vows help

Mayors seek assistance with traffic

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ROXBEL – The N.C. Highway Patrol has pledged additional help to the residents of western Bertie County.

First Sgt. Rodney W. Sawyer of Troop A, District 2 in Ahoskie said he met recently with Roxobel Mayor Gary Johnson and Kelford Mayor Bailey N. Parker to discuss concerns about speeding and other traffic violations in the two towns.

"I was able to meet with leaders of Kelford and Roxobel, and they expressed their concerns about traffic issues, which mainly revolve around traffic caused as a result of the shift changes at Perdue," First Sgt. Sawyer indicated. "They shared their concerns about people speeding through their towns, both of which have a posted speed limit of 35

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Legacy

Bryant follows in footsteps, blazes trail

DEBORAH GRIFFIN
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Born and raised in this small town, Gloria Bryant not only is following in her father's footsteps - she is leaving a legacy.

Her father, Elbert Ray Bryant, was a town commissioner and mayor of Askeville at different times over a total of 30 years before he passed away in 2004.

Gloria is now serving her third term as mayor of the small town of 241.

"I was raised that you do what you can to help out your community and those around you," she said. Bryant has three older sisters. Both of her parents are deceased.

Bryant also is involved in the lives of children through work and her church.

For over 30 years she has served as a reading coach, promoting effective literary instruction. She teaches children to grasp the concept of words.

One of her favorite quotes is by Mem Fox:

"When I say to a parent, 'read to a child,' I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate."

Bryant has taught in Roanoke Rapids in Northampton County for six years and Bertie for 23. She is now back in Northampton County, working in Jackson.

Many times, when children have not been read to at home during the early crucial years, the job falls to her to help students succeed.

"It is so important [to read to them] when they are babies through kindergarten," she said.

She also does teacher training to help struggling students.

Bryant works with small groups - no more than

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Bertie earns praise

Governor highlights efforts

LESLIE BEACHBOARD
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RALEIGH - Bertie County's land acquisition was highlighted at a Raleigh event.

On Feb. 28, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper and his wife, Kristen, hosted the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund's Board of Trustees.

The event was to celebrate the conservation efforts from the mountains, to the piedmont, and the coastal areas of the state.

Bertie County was invited to highlight the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust's successful grant received from the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

The grant is in the amount \$1.2 million for land acquisition of nearly 1,000 acres as part of the state's Salmon Creek Recreation area located at the confluence of the Albemarle Sound and

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Officials meet with new U.S. Attorney Bobby Higdon

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WINDSOR – Working together.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley and District Attorney Valerie Asbell joined law enforcement officials from two other counties recently to meet with U.S. Attorney Robert J. Higdon Jr.

Higdon, who serves the Eastern District of North Carolina, requested the meeting with Asbell, Sheriff Hol-

ley, Hertford County Sheriff Dexter Hayes, Northampton County Sheriff Jack Smith, Ahoskie Police Chief Troy Fitzhugh and members of the Down East Drug Task Force.

Higdon wanted to share his vision for moving forward in working with local agencies to combat violent crime, drugs, gang crimes and firearm offenses.

Higdon shared his

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Those participating in a meeting about drugs and violent crime included (from left) Ahoskie Police Chief Troy Fitzhugh, Northampton Sheriff Jack Smith, U.S. Attorney Robert J. Hig-

don, Hertford County Sheriff Dexter Hayes, District Attorney Valerie Asbell and Bertie Sheriff John Holley. In the background at right is Assistant US Attorney Frank Bradsher.

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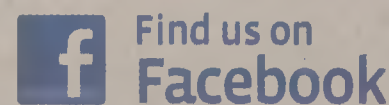


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